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1. SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATION WILL BE SAME AS LAST YEAR, I.E. SENATOR OWEN P.F. HORWOOD, MINISTER OF FINANCE AND GOVERNOR FOR SA IN IMF; DR. T. W. DE JONGH, GOVERNOR OF SA RESERVE BANK AND GOVERNOR FOR SA IN WORLD BANK; G.W.G. BROWNE, SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND ALTERNATE IMF GOVERNOR; DR. G.P.C. DE KOCK, DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF RESERVE BANK AND ALTERNATE SA WORLD BANK GOVERNOR.
2. DR. DE KOCK TOLD US SOUTH AFRICANS HAD NOT YET GIVEN MUCH THOUGHT TO ISSUES OF INTEREST TO SOUTH AFRICA AND COULD NOT THINK OF ANYTHING WHICH THEY PLANNED TO RAISE WITH US BILATERALLY. THEY ARE STILL CONCERNED ABOUT RESTORING SOUTH AFRICAN REPRESENTATION IN IMF BOARD BUT HAVE NO DEFINITE IDEAS ON THE SUBJECT.
3. RECENT PRESS REPORT FROM WASHINGTON CLAIMED DUTCH AND SA REPRESENTATIVES HAD TALKED ABOUT A PARTNERSHIP TO HEAD OFF THREAT TO NETHERLANDS' SEAT

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BY NEED TO ACCOMMODATE SAUDI ARABIA. ARTICLE SAID IT WAS POSSIBLE DUTCH ARE RAISING SPECTRE OF SA RETURN TO RESPECTABILITY AS A LEVER TO INSURE RETENTION OF THEIR OWN SEAT.

4. WITHOUT DENYING FOREGOING REPORT, DE KOCK SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO OFFICIAL APPROACHES TO ANYONE. HE

INDICATED SA WAS NOT AS FIRM ON LIMITING BOARD TO 20 SEATS AS US WAS.

5. DE KOCK HAS BEEN NAMED CHAIRMAN OF A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO MONETARY POLICY FOR WHICH PURPOSE HE HAS BEEN GIVEN TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT AS SPECIAL ECONOMIC ADVISER TO MINISTER OF FINANCE. WE ARE REPORTING ON THIS BY AIRGRAM.
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